

State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

DATA PRIVACY MONTH

2009

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the internet and the capabilities of modern technology cause data privacy issues to figure prominently in many people's lives -- at work, in their relations with the government and public authorities, in the health field, in ecommerce transactions, and online generally; and

WHEREAS, many individuals are unaware of data protection and of privacy laws generally, and of specific steps that can be taken to help ensure the privacy of personal information online; and

WHEREAS, Data Privacy Day, which constitutes an international collaboration and a nation-wide and state-wide effort to raise awareness about data privacy and the protection of personal information on the internet, occurs during the month of January; and

WHEREAS, government officials from the United States, Canada and Europe, privacy professionals, academics, legal scholars, representatives of international businesses, and others with an interest in data privacy issues are attempting to further both privacy awareness and the transatlantic discussion of data privacy and protection; and

WHEREAS, privacy professionals and educators are being encouraged to take the time to discuss data privacy and protection issues with teens in high schools across the country; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Data Privacy Month will encourage more people, both in North Carolina and nationwide, to be aware of data privacy concerns and to take steps to protect their personal information online;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 2009, as "**DATA PRIVACY MONTH**" in North Carolina and call upon our citizens and interested groups to participate in this awareness-raising and educational endeavor.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Easley".
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.